

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING HELD BEFORE THE  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA  
MAY 2, 2016**

A public hearing was held on Monday, May 2, 2016, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

**Call to Order.** Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the public hearing to order at 7:30 a.m.

**Roll Call.**

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Present
John Bell	Absent
David Hurst	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Nancy Eckerle	Present
Dean Vonderheide	Present
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the hearing, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. Six of the seven council members were in attendance which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the hearing.

**Pledge.** Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Purpose.** Mayor Seitz said the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public input concerning the petition from Mike and Sherry Stork to annex 2.818 acres located on the west side of County Road 400W approximately 1800 feet north of the intersection of Division Road and County Road 400W.

A notice of the public hearing appeared in the Herald on April 12, 2016. The notice was also faxed to the news media and posted at city hall.

Phil Buehler with Brosmer Land Surveying said he was representing Mike and Sherry Stork the owner of Stork Estates. Buehler said they want to annex part of this subdivision because part of it is in the City and part of it is not in the City. The Storks' intent is to transfer Lot No. 1 to their daughter. Buehler displayed a map of the proposed annexation area.

Council member Nancy Eckerle asked why the City doesn't square off the area and include the pond. She has a problem with a jagged edge for the City limits. Buehler said the Storks do not desire to take in that entire area. City Engineer

Chad Hurm said wanting to connect to the City's sanitary sewer is the driving force for this petitioner determining the annexation area. Mayor Seitz said the Storks petitioned for the area they want annexed. Council member Dean Vonderheide said it would make more sense to square off the area. He feels we are missing an opportunity to leverage bringing more area into the City. Council member David Hurst asked if they would possibly come back at a later date and ask for the other area to be in the City. Buehler responded, probably not. Hurm added that this request is 100% petitioned for.

Mayor Seitz asked for public comments. No one from the public was in attendance; therefore, no public comments were received.

The fiscal plan and the proposed annexation ordinance will be presented at the May 18, 2016 council meeting.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to close the public hearing. The motion carried 6-0 and the hearing closed at 7:52 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_ with X without corrections or clarification this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

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**Mayor Terry Seitz, Presiding Officer**

**Attest:**

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**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**